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BEN-GURION AND GOLDMANN MEET FOR THIRD TIME; SEEK TO CLARIFY ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Dr. Nahum Goldmann met today in the third of a series of meetings aimed at clarifying relationships between the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency. The meeting was one of two dealing with preparations for the forthcoming 25th World Zionist Congress, which opens here December 27.

At another meeting today, that of the Mapai committee dealing with Zionist Congress issues--which is headed by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol--a discussion was held of the situation which followed the reported final refusal by former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett to accept an offer of a co-presidency with Dr. Goldmann of the World Zionist Organization and chairmanship of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem. The Mapai committee began consideration of the party's alternative candidates for the Agency chairmanship and other memberships of the executive.

It was reported today that Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, and Mr. Eshkol will make the official speeches on behalf of the State of Israel at the Zionist Congress instead of Mr. Ben-Gurion who will speak in his private capacity as a "simple delegate." It was understood this arrangement was reached after the Israel Cabinet decided that the Prime Minister could not voice his opposition to the Zionist movement in a way which could be interpreted as though he spoke for the Israel Government.

ISRAEL INFORMS WESTERN POWERS OF OPPOSITION TO ARAB PROPOSALS AT U. N.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Israel today informed the envoys of the Western governments here that it will not accept the two principal proposals for "solution" of the Arab refugee problem, made by Arab delegations in the United Nations. These proposals call for appointment of a UN custodian for property allegedly left in Israel by the Arab refugees; and for expansion of the present, three-member Palestine Conciliation Commission.

In separate conferences, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, explained her government's views on the refugee problem today to Ogden R. Reid and Patrick Hancock, respectively the Ambassadors of the United States and Britain.

(At the United Nations, the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, which debated the refugee problem for more than two weeks, has now suspended that debate, to discuss other topics. Meanwhile, a draft resolution on the subject is being circulated by some of the Western delegations, backed by the United States. The Arab delegations are trying to amend that draft, calling for a custodian and for expansion of the PCC.)

MOROCCAN LEADER SEES POSSIBILITY FOR RESUMPTION OF MAIL TO ISRAEL

CASABLANCA, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Morocco's former Minister President Abdallah Ibrahim, who is now leader of the major opposition party, suggested today that a solution to the suspension of mail communication between Morocco and Israel might be possible through the International Red Cross and the Moroccan Red Crescent.

Mr. Ibrahim made the suggestion that the Red Cross and Red Crescent might act as intermediaries to solve the problems created by the mail suspension--a measure undertaken when he was Premier--in an interview with the Algiers Jewish monthly, "Information Juive." He emphasized that the suspension was undertaken by Morocco as a member of the Arab Postal Union and that Morocco must respect the Postal Union's rules.

He said he thought all Moroccans should be entitled to a passport but he added that he knew from his term of office that there had been Jewish organizers of "illegal" mass emigration from Morocco and that he considered this "clearly intolerable." He said he saw no ready solution for the complex situation between Israel and the Arab states and that he was under no illusions about the general political situation.

He also said that his party made no distinction between Moroccan Jews and Arabs and that his party, the National Union of Popular Forces, recognized Moroccan citizens only, without regard to their religion. He stressed that his party considered all citizens as equal before the law with the same rights and duties.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has aided this year nearly 220,000 Jews in 25 countries, it was reported here today by Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman. Of them, more than 100,000 were in four Moslem countries, including Morocco. Nearly 60,000 were in Israel and more than 52,000 in Europe.

Mr. Leavitt, who will be one of the principal speakers at the 46th annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee which will take place here on Thursday, estimated that by the end of this year, American Jews will have contributed \$16,350,000 to the JDC through the United Jewish Appeal. This represents somewhat less than eight percent of the \$28,245,000 appropriated by the JDC for its 1960 operations.

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany for the fifth year provided a substantial source of income for JDC's efforts, specifically on behalf of individuals who suffered at the hands of the Nazis, Mr. Leavitt said in his report. The \$7,000,000 which the Claims Conference provided during 1960 represented close to 25 percent of JDC's total budget. These funds, which the Claims Conference receives under its agreement with the German Government, are earmarked for the relief and rehabilitation of Jewish victims of Nazis.

There were also a number of communities outside of the United States which provided financial assistance to JDC programs during the past year. These included Canada, which will have provided \$550,000 by the year's end, and Latin American communities, Mr. Leavitt emphasized. The Central British Fund for Jewish Relief and Rehabilitation cooperated with the JDC by allocating in 1960 about \$160,000 for a number of JDC projects.

Leavitt Reports on Jews in Congo; 15,000 Assisted in Poland

Mr. Leavitt, who recently returned from a survey of changing conditions in the Congo, Rhodesia, South Africa and other parts of the African continent, reported that he found that most of the estimated 2,250 Jews in the Belgian Congo had escaped during the anti-European rioting which started there at the end of June shortly after the territory became an independent state.

Most of the escaped Jews went either to neighboring African countries or to Europe, with about 50 families going to Israel, the JDC leader said. In South Africa and Rhodesia, local Jewish organizations had provided aid. In Belgium, among those aiding the Congo refugees was the AIVG, a JDC-supported Belgian Jewish family agency. "Because the situation in the Congo is still confused, it is difficult to determine the number of Jews who will return, or those who will need emigration or other assistance in the future," Mr. Leavitt stated.

In Poland, of 30,000 Jews registered or otherwise known to Jewish organizations, some 15,000 received JDC help in 1960, Mr. Leavitt reported. The JDC continued during the year to provide subventions to many aid programs conducted through the Jewish Central Welfare Committee of Poland, including housing and cash grants, feeding schoolchildren, support of a home for the Jewish aged in Lodz, loans to cooperatives, medical aid and special help to Jewish orphans.

The JDC also contributed to the budget of religious congregations and to the repair of Jewish cemeteries. More than 3,000 children had vacations in JDC-sponsored summer camps. The JDC has agreed to underwrite the cost of building a new home for the aged in Lodz, with the Central British Fund contributing \$28,500.

The JDC leader also reported on aid given to Jewish refugees from Egypt, Hungary, Rumania and North Africa who are now seeking haven in France. A total of 22,200 of such persons have received JDC aid in France in 1960. Other European countries in which Jews received JDC aid included Italy, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Greece, Sweden, Yugoslavia, Norway, Portugal and Spain.

Jews in North Africa Reported Living in an Atmosphere of Insecurity

Reporting that the Jews of North Africa "continue to live in an atmosphere of insecurity," Mr. Leavitt said that though there were no major changes in the political situation in Morocco and Tunisia affecting the Jewish populations, "there was a continuing deterioration in the economic situation" which affected the Jews "perhaps more than any other element."

Under such conditions, the JDC has continued to help 100,465 men, women and children in North Africa and Iran. In Morocco, there are some 60,500 Jews being helped. They receive food, aid to schools, help for Hebrew and other cultural projects and medical aid. In Casablanca, the local Jewish community has 5,200 persons on relief rolls. Some 5,000 children benefitted from JDC-sponsored summer camp programs. In September, 1960 there were still 42 Jewish victims of the Agadir disaster.

The JDC program in Morocco has been hampered by local problems, Mr. Leavitt noted. The program by which families received food parcels was cut drastically by difficulties in getting permits to bring supplies into Morocco, including commodities

purchased by the JDC in other countries and United States surplus foods. Consequently only 7,339 persons benefitted from this program in the first half of 1960 as compared with 12,104 persons in the same period in 1959.

Jewish communal bodies in Tunisia were able to carry out their work, with JDC help, without interference. Their feeding programs aided 4,505 persons each month, including 4,130 schoolchildren. Others received medical aid and cash relief monthly. More than 5,000 students attended schools and kindergartens and 1,000 took part in Hebrew and other courses. Some 800 children benefitted from JDC-sponsored summer vacation programs.

The continued internal stability in Iran made it possible for the JDC to proceed with its massive aid program to 20,000 Jews, about 25 percent of the total Jewish population. The aid included regular meals in school canteens for 5,765 children, and food parcels for 2,000 more. More than 13,000 children attended JDC-helped schools. Medical aid and summer camps also were provided for more than 6,000, Mr. Leavitt reported.

Mr. Leavitt also dealt at great length with the aid given by the JDC to aged persons in Israel through its Malben institutions. In 1960, he reported, the JDC helped 59,685 men, women and children in Israel, including 46,245 who received help from Malben--the JDC-sponsored welfare program for the aged, sick and handicapped.

U. N. BROUGHT 100 FOREIGN EXPERTS TO ISRAEL; SENT ISRAELI EXPERTS ABROAD

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Eric Ward, United Nations Technical Assistance representative in Israel, today announced that 100 foreign experts in many fields have been brought to Israel in the last three years, while 120 Israeli experts were given fellowships to study abroad, all under the United Nations Technical Assistance program.

Mr. Ward cited those figures in summarizing his three-year stewardship for the UN Technical Assistance Board in this country. He is leaving his post to assume the position of director of the United Nations Information Center for the Eastern Mediterranean, with headquarters in Athens.

YUGOSLAVIA WILLING TO MEDIATE ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTE, MINISTER SAYS

ROME, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Koca Popovic, Foreign Minister of Yugoslavia, said here yesterday, while on a visit to Rome, that his Government would be willing to mediate the disputes between the Arab states and Israel "if both sides requested such mediation."

He made the statement in reply to a question as to whether Yugoslavia would undertake such mediation. "Mediators can act effectively only when both sides are ready to reach agreement without an intermediary," he added.

Important problems concerning Israel-Italian trade were believed to have been discussed here between the two governments today. The talks took place at a conference held between Italy's Foreign Trade Minister, Luigi Martinelli, and Israel's charge d'affaires in the Rome Embassy, Hagay Dikan.

U. A. R. CITIZENS MAY LOSE NATIONALITY IF FOUND 'SYMPATHIZING' WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Region State Council, an institution comparable to the United States Supreme Court, has ruled that any national of the United Arab Republic who "sympathizes" with Zionism may lose his nationality, it was reported here today from Cairo.

The ruling was believed to mean that sympathizing with Israel by word or action, whether openly or privately, becomes an offense which may be punished by loss of nationality. Such "sympathy," it was indicated, is now a crime as serious as "contact" with Zionism.

UNEXPECTED RAINS PRESENT DIFFICULTY FOR ISRAELI PARATROOPERS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Large units of Israel paratroops taking part in a combined air-sea-land operation exercise ran into an unexpected difficulty during last night and early this morning--unusually heavy showers.

The showers, which were welcomed by local farmers if not by the paratroopers, came after a spell of near-summer weather, including two days of hot, dry weather. The down-pour began near midnight when the paratroopers, who had been dropped several hours previously "behind enemy lines," were marching toward their targets.

Supported by additional units and supplies airdropped to a runway prepared by units which had jumped earlier, the force carried out a series of "attacks" on "enemy" installations. When the assignment is completed, the paratroopers will move to nearby beaches where they will be "evacuated" by waiting naval units.

DUBLIN SYNAGOGUE SMEARED WITH SWASTIKAS; GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION

DUBLIN, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Police, acting on orders from the Ministry of Justice, opened a search today for the persons who daubed "Out with the Jews" and six-foot-high swastikas on the doors of a Dublin synagogue. The Ministry orders to the police were to "take all possible steps to bring to justice those responsible."

268 ORTHODOX JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS REPORTED FUNCTIONING IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- There are now 268 Orthodox-oriented Jewish day schools functioning in the United States, Samuel C. Feuerstein of Malden, Mass., president of Torah Umesorah, a society for such schools, reported tonight at the organization's annual dinner. Twenty-two new Hebrew day schools, including 14 primary grade schools, were opened in September for the current academic year, he said.

Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, national director of Torah Umesorah, reported that every city in the United States with a Jewish community of at least 10,000--with three exceptions--now has a Jewish day school. He listed the exceptions as Kansas City, Dallas and St. Paul, noting that the latter's twin city, Minneapolis, does have such a school. He also reported that there were now 15 communities in the United States with Jewish populations of 1,000 to 5,000 which also have Jewish day schools.

ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN HONORED ON HIS RETIREMENT; WILL SETTLE IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- More than 700 leading figures in Jewish life attended tonight a dinner in honor of Dr. Israel Goldstein, noted Zionist leader, tendered to him on the occasion of his retirement from public life and the Rabbinate after 42 years of service. Dr. and Mrs. Goldstein will settle in Israel.

"Having devoted years of my life to helping to build the bridge between America and Israel, it will now be my privilege to work on the other end of the same bridge," Dr. Goldstein said at the dinner. He expressed the conviction that the future of the Jewish people will depend "on the feeling of mutuality between Israel and Jews elsewhere."

Leaders of religion, government, education, philanthropy, labor, civil liberties, world brotherhood and the Zionist movement attended the dinner. Israel was represented by Abraham Harman, the Israel Ambassador to the United States, and in a message from Israel's President, Yitzhak Ben Zvi.

Mr. Harman told the dinner guests that Israel would receive Dr. and Mrs. Goldstein "as distinguished leaders of America and American Jewry whose presence among us will serve to make the ideals of America and the character of American Jewry more fully known to our people." Many messages, including those from President Eisenhower, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, Eleanor Roosevelt, Adlai Stevenson and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas lauded Dr. Goldstein's contributions in many areas of American life.

Other speakers included Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, former president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; former U.S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel; Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Rabbi Max D. Davidson, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

IRA GULDEN NAMED HEAD OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF FOUNDATION FOR J. N. F.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Ira Guilden, noted industrialist and Jewish communal leader, has been appointed chairman of the National Council of the Foundation for the Jewish National Fund, it was announced here today by Albert Schiff, president of the JNF of America. The Foundation for the JNF devotes itself to setting up a pool of funds through wills, bequests and insurance assignments for the purpose of establishing projects in Israel bearing the names of the donors. Since its inception six years ago, a potential of more than \$12,000,000 has been mobilized through the Foundation.

Announcing Mr. Guilden's appointment, Mr. Schiff said: "I know there are hundreds of thousands of Jews throughout the United States, who, through their wills, bequests and assignments of insurance, could link their names forever with the land of Israel. And I also know that Mr. Guilden can influence them, if anybody can. His acceptance as chairman of the National Council of the Foundation for the Jewish National Fund is a tremendous gain for our cause and the cause of Israel."

ISRAEL STARTS PRODUCING PERFUME; WILL BE SOLD TO TOURISTS ONLY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Production has begun of Israel's first perfume, manufactured from acacia and a variety of other local flower scents, it was announced here today by Lola Beer, Israel's famous fashion designer.

The perfume, named "Dimona," will be sold only to tourists and for export. Current production of the high-grade type of perfume is the result of tests and experimentation over a period of two years. A sample shipment of \$10,000 worth of the perfume has already been sent to the United States while another shipment will be sent shortly.